

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Further, it is no more apparent now, in this time of conflict, that management of news content detracts from the public's right to know. Consolidation of ownership hinders the public's right to know.